



## BIG PINE CANYON CAMPING

Forest service campgrounds in Big Pine Canyon include Big Pine Creek, Upper Sage Flat, Sage Flat, First Falls Walk-in and two group campgrounds—Palisade Glacier and Clyde Glacier. Big Pine Creek and Upper Sage Flat have reservable sites and both group sites require reservations. To reach the reservations system, call 1-877-444-6777 or log onto [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Family campsites not on the reservation system are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## BIG PINE CANYON – THE GLACIERS

Big Pine Canyon is the location of the southernmost glaciers in the United States, and the largest glaciers in the Sierra Nevada.

Palisade Glacier sits at the base of the Palisade Crest in the North Fork Basin. Climbers and hikers are familiar with the impressive wall of 13,000- and 14,000-foot peaks. Most notable are North Palisade (14,242 ft), Mt. Sill (14,162 ft), Mt. Agassiz (14,891 ft) and Mt. Winchell (13,768 ft.).

Middle Palisade Glacier, dominated by 14,040 foot Middle Palisade, is found in the South Fork Basin.

Glacier melt from Palisade and Middle Palisade glaciers produces the unique turquoise hue of First, Second, Third and Finger Lakes.

Both North and South Fork trails provide spectacular scenery and are well worth at least a day hike during your stay in the canyon. No wilderness permit is needed for day trips, but a permit is required for overnight stays in the backcountry.

Facilities and services available in the Big Pine Canyon include lodging, RV park, meals, pack station, picnic area and limited groceries.

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## Inyo National Forest



**ROADS AND PARKING** – Paved roads and parking lots service the day-use areas, trailheads and campgrounds in Big Pine Canyon.

### PERMITS AND CAMPSITES

**FAMILY CAMPGROUNDS** There are three fee facilities in this canyon. To camp, select a vacant site, return to the self-service station at the entrance to the campground and obtain a permit. Return to your site and attach the permit to the numbered post in front of your site. Many of the family campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are two campgrounds at which you may reserve a site—Big Pine Creek and Upper Sage Flat. To make reservations, call 1-877-444-6777 or log onto [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

**Your permit expires at 1:00 pm. To retain the site for additional nights, renew your permit by 1:00 pm.**

**GROUP SITES** There are two group sites in this canyon available by reservation only. They are the Palisade/Glacier and Clyde/Glacier campgrounds. To reach the reservation system, call 1-877-444-6777 or through the internet at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

### **FIRST FALLS WALK-IN CAMPGROUND**

This free campground can be reached by parking in the backpacker parking lot and hiking approximately one mile on the North Fork trail. Five sites have tables, fire rings and a pit toilet. Be sure to treat the mountain water with a filter.

### PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

**BEARS** Black bears are present in Big Pine Creek Canyon. Bears consider anything with an odor to be food. All food or trash should be stored and disposed of properly.

**CAMPING** In this area, camping is limited to established sites in developed campgrounds only. Be sure your site is in one of these marked campgrounds.

**CAMPFIRES** Build campfires only in designated steel fireplaces provided by the Forest Service. Rock fire rings are not permitted. Dead and downed wood may be gathered from the ground, but the use of wood from standing dead or live trees and shrubs is prohibited.

**TRASH DISPOSAL** Trash bins are located close to campground entrances. Please do your part to keep the campgrounds clean.

**CLEANING FISH** Clean fish well away from water sources, including water hydrants and restrooms. Wrap and deposit entrails in trash bins.

**NOISE** Sound from radio, TV and musical instruments must be confined to your campsite. Public address systems and portable speakers may not be used. Please do not run generators more than necessary. Quiet time is from 10 pm to 6 am.

**RESTROOMS** Please do not use restrooms for trash disposal, diapers, garbage, sanitary napkins, etc. Take such refuse to the nearest trash bin. Please help keep restrooms clean for other users.

**PETS** Pets must be on a 6-foot leash and under physical control at all times or be caged. While hiking on National Forest trails, pets must be on leash or under voice command at all times.

**WATER** Remember, hydrants are a water source only. Use a bucket or pan to obtain water for dishwashing or personal hygiene.

**VANDALISM** Please report all observed acts of vandalism IMMEDIATELY to the nearest Forest Service officer or campground host with as much information as possible.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911**



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